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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/922,617
Filing Date	August 4, 2001
First Named Inventor	Lawrence Jacobs
Group/Art Unit	2172
Examiner Name	Truong, Cam Y T
Attorney Docket Number	OR01-00401

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See, *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other: PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other: _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

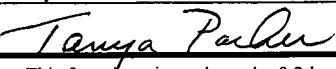
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1003 (Docket No. OR01-00401)
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: Please deduct any underpayments and credit any overpayments from Deposit Account Number 50-1003.
- b. Check in the amount of \$ \$880.00 (\$770. for RCE fee and \$110.00 for extension of time), enclosed.
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AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **April 7, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.